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SUBJECT: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, DAY IX: SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
REPORT AND RESOLUTION ON MERCENARIES COMPLETED

REF: KHARTOUM 3046

1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) JULY 15 GIVE CURSORY TREAT-
MENT TO REPORT OF OAU FACT-FINDING MISSION TO SAO TOME
AND PRINCIPE (ST AND P) AND APPEARED TO ACCEPT REPORT'S
CONCLUSIONS IN TOTO. (EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN COPY OF
REPORT AND WILL POUCH IT WHEN AVAILABLE.) SAME LACK OF
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ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO PROPOSAL ON "AGGRESSIONS AND ATTEMPTS
OF INVASIONS BY MERCENARIES AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF BENIN AND OTHER INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES" (PARA 2,
REFTEL).

2. COM COMBINED TWO AGENDA ITEMS AND ARRIVED AT FOLLOW-
ING RECOMMENDATIONS: BEGIN TEXT

(A) THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS FOLLOWING WITH GREAT CONCERN THE PHENOMENON OF THE USE OF MERCENARIES AGAINST THE LEGITIMACY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMS ITS CONDEMNATION OF THIS CRIMINAL PHENOMENON. IT REAFFIRMS ALSO ITS CONDEMNATION OF COLONIALISTS WHO ARE WORKING TO BREAK THE BACKS OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS BY THE USE OF MERCENARIES.

(B) IT REAFFIRMS THE SOLIDARITY OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES WITH BENIN AND SAO TOME.

(C) IT CALLS UPON ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE OAU TO RESPECT THE CONVENTION ON MERCENARIES AND TO IMPLEMENT THE LIBREVILLE RESOLUTION ON MERCENARIES.

(D) IT CALLS UPON THE OAU TO MASTER AND GRANT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN ON THE BASIS OF THE SPECIAL FUND OF THE ORGANIZATION.

(E) IT DECIDES TO INCREASE THE SPECIAL FUND OF ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN STATES TO MEET THE CHALLENGE CAUSED BY THE ACTIVITIES OF MERCENARIES AND THEIR IMPERIALIST MASTERS.

(F) DECIDES TO SET UP A COMMITTEE ENTRUSTED TO STUDY THE NEEDS OF BENIN AND SAO TOME IN ORDER TO ENABLE THESE COUNTRIES TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT. CONCLUDING THIS PRESS BRIEFING, OAU SPOKESMAN ONU SAID THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE PUT BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY OF THE OAU HEADS OF STATES. END TEXT

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3. COMMENT: DISCUSSIONS ON THESE ITEMS DID NOT GENERATE MUCH ENTHUSIASM AND CAUSED SPOKESMAN ONU TO BE SOMEWHAT JOCLULAR IN RELATING REPORT ON S.T. AND P. BERGUS

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